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But we think there is something more. Not in words, perhaps, not even in deeds; but something vital that we feel and know in our hearts; something that our fathers and sons and husbands and brothers died for, so that we might have something to live for.

Indeed, their every memory is something we cherish. May God Almighty grant that to their ranks no more may be added—even today. Grant that we may enjoy in solemn gratitude the blessings for which they fought.

The sands of peaceful time for our country are running out fast but even so—America on Friday finds no less reason for paying homage to her soldier dead. These are the men who, in two great crises, fought neither for conquest nor spoils, but for ideals which the country held dear.

We still cherish those ideals and may have to defend them again with our armed might. We faced an hour of mortal peril for our republic when the Civil War threatened to split asunder our unity. The first World War halted—now we know it was only temporary—a march of conquest which appeared to threaten this land.

Having contributed to securing victory, the United States—and her allies—did little to make peace secure. They forgot that among nations eternal vigilance is the price of their freedom. They forgot that if they were disillusioned or disgusted with war, other nations were not.

The courageous World-War dead honored on Memorial Day did their full part in winning victory—but the living, you and I, have done less in maintaining it. Now we face another conflict, belatedly preparing our defenses.

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Developer Offers Tips on How City Can Grow, Prosper

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following article, offering a "new lead" to those interested in civic development here, was written by a community developer of note in Southern California who prefers, for the time being, to remain anonymous. His suggestions on how Torrance might prosper by acquisition of so-called lighter industries and wholesale markets are worthy of consideration by every one here interested in the city's future.)

The Torrance Herald has recently published several editorials on how Torrance would benefit by erection of dwellings to attract and house employees of airplane factories located in nearby cities. This comment has been well received and given favorable attention by a number of land developers. The desired result will doubtless be realized because Torrance has all that any other city in the metropolitan district of Los Angeles county has to offer.

Grass Fire Time Is Upon Us

Nineteen forty-one's grass fire season began with a series of siren walls during the past week when local firemen responded to nine alarms—seven of them sent in as result of brush or grass fires.

Fire Chief J. E. McMaster said that most of the grass fires of the week—and of the entire season—could be avoided by proper precautions. Among these are: Don't throw cigarettes away when they are still burning; only burn trash in covered receptacles; obtain permits to burn off weeds and then stay with the fire until you are certain it is completely out.

Last Friday a fire which started in a clothes closet from an unknown cause resulted in about \$100 damage to the home of Mrs. Alma Aubertin of 1633 Redondo ave. On the following day a car parked in front of the Soule Steel plant on Border ave. was badly damaged by a blaze believed caused by a cigarette.

Inducement to Workers
Now the auto itself has caused a return to the older order by the congestion on the highways and streets that makes such a loss of time in the daily round trip. Employees now want to live near where they work. This will redound to the benefit of Torrance.

Red Cross Branch Reorganized

Mrs. Rose Connolly of the Los Angeles chapter, American Red Cross, spent the past week in Torrance reorganizing the branch here and placing it on a wartime basis. A complete organization is being formed with representatives from the various churches, service clubs, women's groups, P.T.A. units and other organizations enrolled.

This new committee will be headed by Mrs. R. R. Smith as branch chairman, succeeding Mrs. Flora Wright, who resigned because of ill health. Mrs. Wright will continue to serve on the Advisory board. Efforts are being made to obtain a suitable place for a Red Cross sewing room and anyone interested in this phase of the work should contact Mrs. L. G. Barkdoll at 375. The first aid beginners class started Monday with 25 in attendance. A few more may enroll in this class. Names of the new committee will be published as soon as the organization is completed.

MARCH OF RIMES

By H. F. NOAKE
A cute young lass was Jean, and pretty too, a waiting on the folks who come to dine in one of Santa Cruz's unique cafes, this controlled and owned by Reverend Divine. This colored man you've surely read about, but probably, like me, you didn't know he operates a chain of restaurants, to which his whites are privileged to go. I chanced to stop there for an evening meal, and Jean it was who served me, and right well; from her I learned a bit about the place and promised her this story I would tell. To Santa Cruz she came from old New York, transferred some years ago by Father D., in whose protective custody she's been since her arrival from across the sea. Jean told me only women could cook food, and all else white who work in that cafe; no smoking is allowed, and, of all things, no serving maid can take a cent of pay. About the walls the one word, "Peace" prevails; on Sundays fifteen hundred folks are fed; the cooking's simply swell and when you're done, the check's so modest, you'll about drop dead.

Names of Next Draft Quota Announced

Four Torrance men, two from Gardena and one from Lomita are scheduled to leave Torrance Friday, June 6, at 7:30 a. m., for a Los Angeles induction center and a year's Army training. They will compose the ninth draft call-out and will leave Torrance from the front of the Civic Auditorium on one of the city's new municipal busses for the Los Angeles terminal at Ninth and Hill sts. There they will board a yellow car to go to Fourth and Spring and the induction station.

MAKE IT SAFE AND SANE!

The three-day week-end of Memorial Day holiday will send hundreds of thousands of cars streaming over the highways of California to resorts, mountain areas and the beaches.

Crowded highways, jammed with long lines of machines anxious to reach their destinations in the shortest time possible, are going to make demands on motorists' patience. But isn't it better to pay with a few minutes' delay than, by incautious driving, to pay with a lifetime of regret? Isn't it far better to take a brief "time-out" than a long chance, bringing irreparable misfortune to loved ones, yourself, or some guiltless other party?

Make your Memorial Day excursion memorable for the good time you had, not for the avoidable misfortune it brought! Make it a safe, sane, and happy holiday!

MWD to Start Test Deliveries June 18

First delivery of soft and filtered water from the Colorado River Aqueduct will be made to Torrance and other cities of the Metropolitan Water District June 18, according to action taken last week by the District board of directors. Previously the directors had indicated that first delivery of aqueduct water would be made to District cities on June 1.

May Still Free From Casualties

Rapid progress now being made by all of the aqueduct contractors indicates that the work will be completed by or before the middle of June, F. E. Weymouth reported. To provide a margin of safety to cover any contingencies that might arise in the concluding days of the construction work, it was decided by the Board definitely and officially to fix the date of the first delivery of water as of June 18.

APPEALS FOR HELP

Postmaster Earl Conner has asked all men who can help the Boy Scouts in fixing up their camp off Carson st. near the Ideco plant to meet him there any time after 8 o'clock Friday morning, Decoration Day, May 30.

HITCHCOCK ABSENT

Because of the recent death of his brother, Councilman James Hitchcock was unable to attend city council meeting Tuesday night.

Heavy Draw on Water

The board authorized delivery of water without charge to the District cities between June 18 and August 18. During this time, it was pointed out, the District will be engaged in operating tests and in a program of line conditioning. On August 18 the aqueduct will go into regular operation, and on or after that date soft and filtered water will be delivered.

Council Trio Tosses Up Another "Smoke Screen"

Installation of heavy machinery is under way at the Torrance airplane parts manufacturing branch of the Doak Aircraft Corp. of Hermosa Beach and Plant Manager Nelson Grace said yesterday that operations on a large parts contract should get under way here "within the next few weeks."

Officials of the concern are already considering plans for expansion of their original layout in a section of the former Torrance Flat Glass plant because of an increasing back-log of large orders. Manager Grace said that manufacturing operations are expected to start as soon as a huge 50-ton mechanical hammer is installed. The foundation for this massive piece of equipment has been laid and is now curing.

Aircraft Plant Being Rushed Into Service

The latest move on the part of the three city councilmen facing recall orders to divert public attention away from the six charges filed against them is apparently a so-called "investigation" of the purchase of the Torrance Water, Light & Power Company system in 1934.

Recall Election Certain; June 8 Date for Filing

While the explanation of the \$35,000 "unclassified" account in the water company deal, as given in a letter by City Auditor Cotton and published in full in this issue, seemed to be quite clear to even strangers in the audience Tuesday night, Councilmen Powell, Murray and Babcock continued to press their latest "smoke screen."

On motion by Councilman Babcock, a conference is to be arranged between the present council and members of the 1934-35 city board, together with C. J. Rambo, former city auditor and Logan A. Cotton, president and auditor, to make further study of the "unclassified" account. Members of the 1934-35 council were: Scott R. Ludlow, William H. Stanger, J. E. Hitchcock, William H. Tolson and William T. Klusman.

Account No Mystery

Klusman made quite a "spiel" at Tuesday evening's council session in which he denied most vehemently the existence of any such "unclassified" account during his administration. However, the official audit of the water system's books on December 31, 1935, contains an item: "Unclassified Investment in System,—\$35,609.82."

MRS. WARREN SUCCUMBS

For several months, Mrs. Emma Jane Warren, 82, one of the founders of the Torrance Methodist church, succumbed Sunday afternoon at her home, 1743 Andree ave. She had lived here for the past 31 years and was beloved by many who knew her as "Grandma" Warren. She was born in Fort Scott, Kansas.

Crossing Crash Kills Woman

A victim of an automobile collision at the intersection of Carson st. and Figueroa ave., Mrs. May Bernstein, 44, of Los Angeles, died Sunday enroute to Torrance Memorial hospital. The car she was riding in, driven by Harry Berg, 62, of Los Angeles, was assertedly struck by a machine driven by Louis Wythe, 30, of San Pedro.

All Stores to Close Here Memorial Day

Although banks and city offices will remain closed and their workers will be given a three-day holiday this weekend beginning Friday, Torrance retail stores will be open Saturday. The stores, however, will be closed all day Friday because of Memorial Day. Food markets will remain open until 8 p.m. Thursday.

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Marine League Track Finals are Slated For Narbonne Field Thursday Afternoon

Cream of the Marine League's track and field performers will compete in the league finals Thursday afternoon at Narbonne field, beginning at 1:30 o'clock. San Pedro's 100 (second heat)—Luevano (SP), 1:10.48. 200 (second heat)—Lockett (SP), 2:28.88. 400 (second heat)—Lockett (SP), 5:12.88. 800 (second heat)—Lockett (SP), 10:58.88. 1600 (second heat)—Lockett (SP), 22:58.88. 3200 (second heat)—Lockett (SP), 45:58.88. 6400 (second heat)—Lockett (SP), 1:31:58.88. 12800 (second heat)—Lockett (SP), 2:43:58.88. 25600 (second heat)—Lockett (SP), 5:31:58.88. 51200 (second heat)—Lockett (SP), 11:03:58.88. 102400 (second heat)—Lockett (SP), 22:07:58.88. 204800 (second heat)—Lockett (SP), 44:15:58.88. 409600 (second heat)—Lockett (SP), 88:31:58.88. 819200 (second heat)—Lockett (SP), 176:63:58.88. 1638400 (second heat)—Lockett (SP), 353:27:58.88. 3276800 (second heat)—Lockett (SP), 706:55:58.88. 6553600 (second heat)—Lockett (SP), 1413:11:58.88. 13107200 (second heat)—Lockett (SP), 2826:23:58.88. 26214400 (second heat)—Lockett (SP), 5652:47:58.88. 52428800 (second heat)—Lockett (SP), 11305:94:58.88. 104857600 (second heat)—Lockett (SP), 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